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On the 28th June, at Kobe, EDUARDO JORGE,
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HONGKONG, 8th July, 1903.

In the June number of the *Empire Review*, there appears an article by Mr. H. Korsen, late Commissioner and Statistical Secretary of the Imperial Maritime Customs of China, on the subject of "How to Solve the South African Labour Question." Mr. Korsen's attitude is frank. Free immigration, it appears to him, is the solution of the Rand Labour question, and it will be time enough to introduce legislation against an unduly large influx when the tendency in that direction is established. He draws up a strong defence of the Chinese immigrant, protesting against the "appalling ignorance" of those who regard the Chinese as a race of undesirables; and endeavours to show that they would be of great advantage and contribute to the material strength of the Rand by increasing the opportunities for enterprise and conducting to the comfort of the colonist in a marked degree. He writes:—"The evidence tends to show that much of the unskilled labour done by the Chinese is of a character distasteful to white men, whose high wages make it imperatively necessary on the part of capitalists to employ cheap labour where negroes, as in the West Indies, fail to maintain the development of the trade and industries of the place. European immigrants naturally look for higher employment and better pay than can be earned with pickaxe and shovel. They do not emigrate to sub-tropical countries to do cheap labour; but that, however, has to be done, or it will stop the progress and prosperity of the territory; and it has been proved that the labour performed by Chinese in different lands,

while benefiting the State at large, actually creates superior employment for European workmen; a fact which the artisan class should note with satisfaction." Mr. Korsen confessedly deals with the question of Chinese immigration ethically rather than practically. But it is the practical side, after all, which is of most importance in the matter of South Africa. We have always doubted the sincerity of those who have attempted to demonstrate that Chinese immigration is to be discouraged on account of the greater viciousness of Chinese than of other peoples; and with Mr. Korsen we must agree as to the ignorance of those who would class and treat the Chinese like negroes. The practical questions in South Africa, however, are whether the Chinaman is actually wanted there, whether he will consent to go thither, and whether he will find a suitable environment. It cannot yet be said to have been proved that the negro labour supply is insufficient, if Central Africa be drawn upon. As to the second question, very stringent regulations have been proposed under which Chinese labourers shall be brought to South Africa. But, as Mr. Korsen says, "no labour association is likely to obtain the sanction of the Chinese Government to the despatch of contract coolies under conditions proposed by the Chamber of Mines, that of positive serfdom, even if any British official could be found to suggest this traffic in labourers; and in the event of indentured labour being obtainable, the Colonial or British Government would have to guarantee that the indenture shall not be transferred with the emigrant to a third party. The assumption of this responsibility would raise the question of the power of the Imperial Government to compel a self-governing colony to observe and abide by contracts agreed to by a British Consul." Mr. Korsen says also: "So far the Chinese have shown no desire for permanent residence in any white man's land; and as their aversion to the negro is pronounced, the fear that they would seek domicil in Africa is imaginary." It seems possible that in South Africa they will not even be tempted to seek temporary sojourn; and their own countrymen are already warning them that the field is unsuitable for their immigration. Mr. Korsen's plea for the introduction of Chinese is strong—as a general argument in favour of the Chinese labour; but it seems to us that he does not sufficiently take into account the impossibility of the proposed restrictions on the immigrants from China.

Sir ERNEST SATOW, British Minister at Peking, was expected to land in Bombay in the first week of this month, on his way back to China. According to an Allahabad despatch, it was anticipated that he would proceed to Simla to confer with Lord CURZON concerning pending questions of common interest to China and India. Taking the report of the meeting of Minister and Viceroy as accurate, we may conclude that Tibetan affairs will enter into the scope of the discussion between them. But whether any attention will be paid to the recent advice of the *Times* correspondent at Peking, we cannot say. Dr. MORRISON urged that India should not waste time negotiating with the Chinese about the Tibetan boundary question, but should send a mission to Lhasa and treat directly with the Tibetans. At the same time he wrote that the Chinese representatives on the Boundary Commission had been nominated but that the Amban of Lhasa had no influence either with Chinese or with Tibetans. This month Mr. CLAUDE WHITE and Major YOUNGSHURST are expected to meet the Tibetan and Chinese representatives on the Sikkim frontier to discuss questions of Indo-Tibetan commercial relations. It is impossible that Sir ERNEST SATOW's and Lord CURZON's meeting can be unconnected with the delimitation and trade questions, and we may hope for the evolution of a strong policy which will put the dealings between India and Tibet on a better and friendlier footing.

The English mail of the 6th ult. was delivered in London on the 6th inst.

Many of the trees that ornament the principal roads of the Colony are being removed to make way for the new tramways.

During the day ended at noon yesterday five cases of plague—all Chinese, three fatal—were reported. In Monday's return one case, which was under observation only, should not have been included. The correct number of cases up to date is therefore 1,316.

It is a decided ease of reporting under difficulties at the Magistracy. The privilege hitherto enjoyed by pressmen of seeing the depositions has now been withdrawn, and if the proceedings in both courts are to be covered at all the unfortunate serbs must add that of being ubiquitous to his other qualities.

TELEGRAMS.**HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.****REUTER'S SERVICE.****PRESIDENT LOUBET'S VISIT TO ENGLAND.**

LONDON, 4th July.

President Loubet will arrive in England on Monday. Extraordinary preparations are being made for his reception and the King has promised that it shall be such as we have never before been given to the head of a foreign State. In London, the principal thoroughfares will be elaborately decorated with garlands, bunting, Venetian masks, and an abundance of flowers. Apart from the troops in London, two brigades will be camped in Regent's Park for lining the streets and other duties.

THE FISCAL QUESTION.

LONDON, 4th July.

Sir Michael Hicks Beach has been admitted to the Councils of the Liberal leaders on the fiscal question.

LATER.

After a prolonged discussion the Liberal leaders have decided to refrain from raising the fiscal question by a vote of censure because it would embarrass their fellow free-traders among the Ministerialists.

ILLNESS OF THE POPE.

LONDON, 5th July.

The Pope is suffering from severe pulmonary haemorrhage and his condition is serious.

REDUCED CABLE CHARGES TO EUROPE.

Mr. J. M. Beck, superintendent here of the Eastern Extension and Great Northern Telegraph Company, announces that commencing on Wednesday, 15th inst., the rate per word charged on telegrams to Europe (except Russia and the Caucasus) will be reduced from 7 francs to 5 francs; and the currency rate, which is subject to revision, will be reduced from \$3.35 to \$2.65. Taken together with the reduction of 15 cent made on the 1st inst. this makes a total reduction in this month of 85 cents.

AN OLD SPANISH WARSHIP.

The s.s. *Zafiro* arrived in the Harbour yesterday morning, towing the old Spanish warship *Velasco* which was recently raised from Manila Bay. Manila was left on Friday evening last, and arrived here on Sunday about 8 p.m., but she was of course considerably delayed by her tow. The *Velasco* was cast off at Stonecutters, where she now lies. She is very much damaged and, we understand, has been purchased by Chinese and will be broken up. A better price is expected here than would be obtainable at Manila.

HONGKONG WATER POLO LEAGUE COMPETITION.

The following is the present condition of this competition:

No.	Goals					
played.	Won.	Lost.	For.	Against.	Per.	
Club Lusitano	1	1	0	8	0	2
B. G. A.	1	1	0	6	0	2
H. K. V. C.	1	1	0	3	2	1
Y. M. C. A.	1	0	1	2	3	0
S. F.	1	0	1	0	6	0
R. E.	1	0	1	0	8	0

The Club Lusitano are due to meet the R. G. A. on the 20th inst.

ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

CAPTAIN'S CUP AND SILVER MEDAL FOR JULY.

The following cups were returned:

CAPTAIN'S CUP.

Mr. C. A. Parker, R.N.	91	—	13	—	78
Mr. J. E. Lee.	94	—	15	—	79
Mr. W. W. Clark.	84	—	4	—	80
Mr. N. J. Stabb.	98	—	18	—	89
Mr. W. C. D. Turner.	99	—	17	—	92
Mr. G. Stewart.	89	—	4	—	85
Mr. C. E. H. Beavis.	86	—	6	—	86
Capt. H. Critchton, R.N.	97	—	11	—	86
Mr. T. C. Gray.	107	—	17	—	90

3 entries.

POOL.

Mr. C. A. Parker, R.N.	91	—	13	—	78
Mr. W. W. Clark.	84	—	4	—	80
Mr. T. C. Gray.	98	—	17	—	81
Mr. G. Stewart.	99	—	4	—	85
Mr. C. E. H. Beavis.	86	—	6	—	86
Capt. H. Critchton, R.N.	97	—	11	—	86

18 entries.

V.R.C.—TEAM SWIMMING RACE.

The Victoria Recreation Club held a team race at the Club enclosure yesterday at 5.45 p.m. The following were the teams:

Station No. 1**Station No. 2**

A. E. Alves (capt.)	N. H. Alves (capt.)
H. A. Lammert	C. M. S. Alves
E. Horst	F. D. Bain
J. A. S. Alves	G. H. Robbie
H. M. Bain	T. Meek

Station No. 3**Station No. 4**

A. V. Barros (capt.)	Frank Jorge (capt.)
A. J. T. Ribeiro	J. M. Roza Pereira
H. Henderson	W. Schumacker
H. S. Holmes	F. M. Roza Pereira
H. C. Austin	P. Remedios

The conditions were:—One man from each team to start off at the word "go," and the others to follow in succession as the starting post was touched by the man last to take the water. The race was a very good one, and resulted:—

1. N. H. Alves's team.

2. Frank Jorge's team.

3. A. E. Alves's team.

4. A. V. Barros's team.

swam accordingly.

JAPAN AND RUSSIA.

Speculation was rife as to the object of General Kuropatkin's visit to Japan. On the strength of information which it describes as authoritative, the *Osaka Asahi* denies that General Kuropatkin has been visiting Japan with an important commission, as alleged, and goes on to say that if the Russian Government really has a desire to make an arrangement with regard to Manchuria, the Minister for Foreign Affairs should have been sent as a representative. General Kuropatkin, declares the *Asahi*, has no power to effect such an arrangement. Taking into consideration all these facts, the report that General Kuropatkin has an important mission to fulfil is looked upon as incredible. The real object of his visit to this Colony is:

1. (a) What method is adopted for paying the Crown Agents? (b) Do the Crown Agents receive a commission on orders executed in addition to regular salaries? (c) Do they receive remuneration from other Crown Colonies in addition to this?
2. What is the annual sum paid by the Colony to the Crown Agents during the past three years, giving salary and commissions separately, or what annual sum has been charged to the Colony for the services of the Crown Agents?
3. (a) Are all orders for material, etc., sent to Europe on behalf of the Colony, made through the Crown Agents? (b) If not, what system is adopted with regard to such orders which are not executed by the Crown Agents?
4. (d) What system is adopted to ensure that all orders on behalf of the Colony are executed by the firm best able to carry out the work at the most reasonable price? (e) If orders are put up to tender only for those firms on the Crown Agents' lists, how are those firms selected? (f) Can any reputable firm be placed on application placed on the Crown Agents' lists, or do the Crown Agents exercise a right to refuse to place a firm on their list? (g) In the event of such a refusal, has the firm thus rejected any right of appeal, and, if so, to whom?

5. Will the Government state whether they received a letter from the Secretary of the Sanitary Board sent by direction of the President, conveying the following resolution unanimously adopted at the meeting of property owners at the Sanitary Board office on 18th May, convened by advertisements in European newspapers in the Colony, namely:—"That the permission of L. E. the Governor be obtained to have the report, which was read by Dr. Pease at the meeting on the subject of overcropping

REVIEWS.

All on the Irish Shore: Irish Sketches. By E. G. SOMERVILLE AND MARTIN ROSS. London and Bombay: George Bell & Sons.

A most entertaining, well-written collection of Irish sketches are those grouped under the title *All on the Irish Shore*. In collaborative work the authors have already won a large measure of popularity as writers on subjects Irish, and this latest essay of theirs is calculated to widen the circle of their adherents. All of them more or less of a sporting character, the sketches breathe the spirit of the hunt and sparkle with Irish humour. "Fanny Fitz's Gamble" and "The Dan's Broochin'" are remarkably clever pieces, while "High Tant McKeown's" would provoke the most scatological laughter. There are several capital illustrations:

The Inn of the Silver Moon. By HERMAN K. VIELE. London: John Murray.

ACHILLE VIFOUR is a wealthy young land-owner whose studious habits and decorous ways have placed him on a pinnacle of virtue in the eyes of the country-side. But beneath his placid demeanour there is an impulsive spirit that kicks against the conventional. He longs to visit the Pig Market at Gretna with all its guile and licences, and is only prevented by the thought of the scandal that would ensue, when suddenly a chance is thrown in his way, to accomplish his desire. While Achille is bathing, a vagabond makes off with his clothes, leaving old ones in return. Our hero dons them and makes for the Fair. In the narration of his adventures theretofter the author keeps his reader highly amused. There are a vivacity and a flavour wholly French about the novel, and whilst there is a tendency, no less characteristically Gallic, to skip from situation to situation, having the less vivid singular imagination to follow hittitngly in the rear. Messrs. Kelly & Walsh have the book on sale.

King of the Dead. By FRANK AUBREY. London and Bombay: George Bell & Sons. While other authors puzzle out impossible countries in which to build fanciful cities for the purposes of their imaginative works of fiction, Mr. Aubrey falls back upon that mystic but very real land of Mexico, with its million miles of unexplored territory and its relics of strange pre-historic races, as a background for his novel. The "King of the Dead" is the head of an ancient people, hidden away in the fastnesses of that strange country. Possessed of scientific knowledge before which the name of Marconi pales its ineffectual fires, he evolves schemes for the subjugation of the world by means of hordes of re-animated dead. Closely bound up in the story are the adventures of two young Englishmen and two fair ladies. From the first chapter to the final tragedy there is not a dull page in the book, and the descriptive parts are highly interesting.

The Law-breakers. By E. SPENDER. London: George Bell & Sons.

To perform cheerless duties; to watch by thankless sick-beds; to suffer the harassment of querulous old-age; how many thousands of people there are—women for the most part—who are doomed to endure this long slavery, who are hospital nurses without wages, who strive, fast, watch, and after aspersion and fado away ignobly and unknown?" Thackeray himself could scarce have exemplified with more acuteness the spirit of those words of his in *Penny Faire* than has the author of *The Law-breakers* in her character of Rhoda Mainwaring, the old-maid daughter of an invalid mother. When Mrs. Mainwaring is on her death-bed she makes her grand-daughter, Felicia Nord, destroy the will leaving her wealth to Rhoda and write another bequeathing her money to charity. But the impulsive Felicia, faithful to her long-suffering aunt, defies the pains and penalties of the law and secretly destroys this later will, thereby nullifying the fortune forever to Rhoda. So much for the breaking of the law. Then comes the arrival of a young Italian officer. He asks Felicia's hand in marriage but she cannot accept his preferred love till she has made full confession of her crime—a crime which shocks his high sense of honour and repels him. The manner in which the author extricates her characters from this dilemma is ingenious and makes a happy denouement.

No Hero. By E. W. HORNING. London and Bombay: George Bell & Sons.

THESE who have read *The Weaving Of*, will find that Mr. Horning has adopted, in his *No Hero*, much the same motif as did the late Mrs. Alexander in that first success of hers. Captain Clephane, the "no hero" of the story, is a soldier who has come back from the Boer war with a brilliant record. His old sweetheart Catherine Evers sends him to Switzerland to extricate her boy from the entanglements of a widow of Anglo-Indian antecedents and a knowledge of the Divorce Court. Clephane saves the boy, who was never really in danger from the good-hearted widow, and marries her himself. The characters are splendidly delineated and are convincingly real.

Cornelia. By MRS. HENRY DE LA PASTURE.

London and Bombay: George Bell & Sons. From the author of *Deborah* of *Tod's* one looks for something out of the common when she puts a new book before the public. And in *Cornelia* we find that which we sought: a strong, refreshing novel, full of human interest and living people. As we have before observed, Mrs. de la Pasture does not invade the realms of the fable; to find matter for her stories; in the placid serenity of family life with its hidden springs of action she finds a fit subject for treatment and never does she seem to fail

to draw her characters with verisimilitude and delicacy. The love-story of Cornelius and Lilia is delightful, and the central incident in the plot—the hero's baseless claim to a title—is developed with forcefulness and skill.

The Untitled Field. By GEORGE MOORE.

London and Bombay: George Bell & Sons. Mr. Moore carries some very decided convictions on the depopulation of Ireland in relation to the power and methods of the priesthood. Opening the book at random we find: "The Church is very rich in Ireland. If Ireland is the poorest country in the world, the Irish Church is richer than any other. All the money in Ireland goes into religion." *The Untitled Field* is a series of Irish sketches—finely humorous, pathetic, grim, as the case may be; but through the whole of them runs the spirit that underlies the passage we have quoted above. "The Wild Geese" is perhaps the most powerful of these sketches by Mr. Moore. In it is told the struggle of a strong man against the special genius of his countrymen, their religious vocation. He delivers himself bound, into the hands of the Philistines—the bishops—by quoting John Michel's fiery words: "The Irish would be free long ago only for their damned souls," and escapes from Ireland's "mean ineffectual atmosphere of mists and roses" to go and fight against Britain with the Boers and expend his volcanic vigour behind a Munster rifle. All the stories are set in the minor key. There may be occasional ejaculations of Hibernian joyousness throughout the pages but it is with more sombre side of Irish character that Mr. Moore deals on the whole, and his book contains many home truths, philosophical deductions and scholarly observations that make it a valuable contribution to the literature dealing with the Irish problem.

Princess Kate. By LOUIS TRACY. London: George Bell & Sons.

MR. TRACY has here presented us with a story at once powerful and filled with the mystery of the East. Kate Forsyth lives amid the drab surroundings of a London boarding-house, and her heart falls a victim to a handsome Indian prince visiting England. It is only when Princess Kate gets on board the Eastern-bound steamer that she discovers what an act of ostracism is her marriage considered to be by Anglo-Indians; her cup of bitterness is filled to overflowing when her husband, once more in the accustomed environment of his Palace, becomes day by day more the native Indian and less the polished gentleman who had enamoured her in England. Troubles times are in store in the Mahraju's province and there are fights and a siege and a relief of the garrison of Barapore, in all of which Kate and her friends Marion and Mrs. Mold bulk prominently. A stirring novel, written with verve, picturesqueness and consideration as to probabilities, *Princess Kate* is an ideal book to while away a leisure hour.

THE SERVIAN ATROCITY.

ALLEGED AUTHENTIC DETAILS. A long despatch dated Semlin, Hungary, 17th June, says:

From an intimate personal friend of the new Premier of the Servian provisional Government, Avakamovics, the Associated Press correspondent has received the following account of the tragedy in Belgrade, which he is assured is absolutely authentic. These facts will be set forth in an official protest, which has not yet been drafted, owing to the pressure of State business, all that is yet known officially being contained in the true verbal report made to the Premier by the officers concerned in executing the plot. Six weeks ago one of the officers in the secret service warned the King of what was going on, when all the officers concerned were transferred to points in the interior, the King, fearing to face stronger measures against him. About the same time, a certain lady was sent to Gauva to see Prince Peter Karageorgewitch, and submit to him a proposition that he come to Servia's king upon his agreeing to accept a new constitution based upon Liberal principles. Prince Peter accepted the conditions. As soon as the conspirators obtained this assurance, that the Kingdom would have a new sovereign, they decided to kill King Alexander and Queen Draga. Colonel Maschin, Queen Draga's brother-in-law, was the leader of the conspirators.

A number of officers came to Belgrade from interior posts on the night of the tragedy and supped together at the Sorbian Kroen Restaurant, where the final details were arranged. At midnight they proceeded from the restaurant to the Palace and forced the door leading to the Royal apartments with dynamite. When the officers entered they could not find anybody, the King and Queen, alarmed by the noise of their approach, having concealed themselves. For two whole hours the officers hunted through every nook and corner of the Royal apartments, without success. Then they found the King's Adjutant, Lazar Petrovici, and compelled him to lead them to the King's hiding-place. He took them to the bath-room and pointed to a secret door in the wall, opening upon a stair-case leading to the roof. Behind this door crouched the king and queen. When the conspirators were assured of their prey they promptly shot and killed the Adjutant.

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after submitting the Queen to gross indignities, stashed her with his sword, and the other officers fired at her. The King was also slashed with sabres. The conspirators then dragged the King and Queen into the front apartment, and threw them over the balcony upon the lawn in front of the Palace, which is separated from the street by a big open iron fence. The King and Queen lived between one and two hours afterwards.

Meanwhile two of the officers summoned the Queen's two brothers from their home to the house of the Commander of the Belgrade Division, where they were offered a glass of water and told to bid each other farewell. In the very moment they embraced the officers shot and killed them. One hundred soldiers commanded by two officers, sat the same time surrounded the house of Minister of War Pavlovich, and summoned him to open the door. The Minister looked from a window and the soldiers fired at him, wounding him. The Russian Military Attaché, who lived in the same house, hearing the noise roused and dressed himself in his Russian uniform and attempted to remove the Minister to his apartment. The officers ordered him away, and he, seeing the hopelessness of the situation, desisted. The soldiers then entered the house and shot the Minister, whose body was left on the floor, and was not discovered until 10 o'clock in the morning. The particulars of the killing of the other Ministers have already been published.

Since the tragedy occurred, the real facts of an attempt upon the persons of the King and Queen a month ago, have become known. The conspirators at that time engaged the services of a young Bohemian, the son of a tailor living in Belgrade. He obtained a position in the kitchen of the Grand Hotel of Belgrade, to learn cookery. He proved so intelligent that a little later he was given employment in the Royal kitchen. Here again he proved very efficient, and was entrusted with the duty of preparing the food for the Royal table, taking it from the cooking utensils and placing it in dishes which he handed to lackeys. He now began to appear very prosperous and took French lessons. He came one day to his teacher, a widow living in Belgrade, in a jubilant state, wearing a new suit of clothes, and saying that he was earning 160 dinars (about \$32) a month. The same evening, while preparing a dish for the King, he mixed poison with the food. The head cook detected his act, and promptly informed the King, and the youth was shot immediately. His parents were brought to the Palace and told the facts of the case, and compelled, under threats of death, to tell everybody that their son had killed himself. Since the tragedy the youth's parents have revealed the truth.

Since the first excitement caused by the news of the assassinations, Belgrade has been remarkably quiet. The shops are open, the people sit in the *cafés* and everything is as usual, except that the public buildings and private houses are decorated with Servian flags. The latter fact, however, is no indication of the real public sentiment, since, in this part of the world, such demonstrations usually result from official instructions which private citizens find it unsafe to disregard. The military still occupy the Government offices, and a number of soldiers are stationed round the Palace. The garrison is also being constantly increased, with a view to Moudra's meeting of the Skupstina, the proceedings at which, it is alleged, are already arranged, and will consist merely of registering the decree electing Prince Peter Karageorgewitch King of Servia.

On the other hand a despatch dated Belgrade, 11th June, says:

The King and Queen passed the eve of their death quietly. They attended a choral festival, then took supper in the Konak, and afterwards retired to rest. Meantime the conspirators held a meeting in the Kulinengden Park. The Sixth Infantry, which was chosen to carry out the *compte d'acte*, was recently punished for having used its weapons against a crowd of demonstrators. About 1 o'clock in the morning the Sixth and Seventh Regiments were called to arms and were led to the royal palace, which they entirely surrounded. A band of officers, led by Colonel Maschin and Colonel Misich, forced their way into the palace, shooting all who attempted to bar their passage. They were aided by treason within. The *mid-de-étau* on duty, Colonel Nacić, had been won over by the conspirators, and was entrusted with the plan for action within the royal enclosure. Several doors leading to the royal apartment were blown in by dynamite, Colonel Nacić himself bursting in the door of the royal bedchamber with a bomb. The officers had called on the King to open it, but he had firmly refused. As the door fell the King rushed to a window and appealed for assistance, but no answer came. Realising the situation he turned to the Queen, holding her in his arms to protect her, and awaited the conspirators. Colonel Nacić and the officers then entered the room. The former presented to the King a form of abdication for his signature. The document contained the statement that by marrying "a public prostitute the King had degraded the throne," and that he must abdicate. The King's answer was to draw a revolver and kill Nacić on the spot. Colonel Misich picked up the document, and presented it again. The King waved it from him. The officers then, with their drawn revolvers, fired a hail of bullets, and the royal couple fell together to the floor. The King lingered until 4 o'clock this morning, when he died. The band which carried out the assassination appears to have met with great resistance on the balcony side of the palace, where the curtains are torn and the windows broken, as though the occupants had tried to escape into the garden. Torn gloves and articles of soldiers' clothing lie scattered below. This resistance probably was offered by two loyal *aides-de-camp*, who were killed. A single cannon shot announced the execution of the plot, all the terrible details of which may never be known.

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ignore these new problems which the ever-changing fact of industrial life presented for the decision and action of statesmen.

This non-committal speech and appeal, made with all the eloquence and magnetism which Mr. Balfour yields so successfully, for an open mind in the Cabinet, brought forth constant cheering. Throughout Mr. Chamberlain sat

silently, with his hands clasped, looking at the speaker with a fixed gaze.

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—N.C.D.N.

SIAM.

Paris, 2nd July. M. Etienne has made a statement that France must keep the effective control of the Mekong region. —*ECHO DE CHINE.*

[VIA CANADA.]

THE TARIFF QUESTION—NO MORAL DEBATE.

London, 10th June. The House of Commons to-night rejected Mr. Chaplin's amendment to the Budget Bill, by 424 to 28 votes. That the interest in the political situation has been enhanced by the dramatic developments yesterday, was fully evidenced to-day by the remarkable animation and alertness of everybody in and about the House of Commons when the time approached for the resumption of the debate on Mr. Chaplin's amendment.

The debate was resumed by Major Seely (Conservative) who, as convinced Free Traders rejoiced in the repeal of the grain tax.

Sir Charles Dilke (Radical) contended that the House had a right to demand an opportunity for pronouncing judgment on this important fiscal question. The speaker denied that Protectionist countries were cutting off Great Britain from the markets of the world. Germany had not even hurt Great Britain's market in South America, and when one considered the natural advantages of the United States, her size and highly cultivated population, it was marvellous that she had not years ago attained the first place in trade. The commerce of the United States had, he said, progressed independently of protection, but it had been retarded rather than advanced by the adoption of protection.

By a dexterous and extraordinary speech Mr. Balfour to-night temporarily smoothed over the difficulty in the Cabinet, relieved Mr. Chamberlain of any necessity for resigning, and, for the moment, averted a crisis. Mr. Balfour accomplished this without committing the Government either to Protection or to Free Trade, though the effect of his speech will be taken to mean that the tariff issue is to be shelved for the present. Mr. Chaplin's amendment, which gave rise to the most interesting debate in the present Parliament, was thus, thanks to the Premier's declaration, defeated by a majority of 396 votes, composed of Unionists, Liberals and Irish members. The minority who supported Mr. Chaplin's amendment, were almost all followers of the Government, while the Conservative party abstained from voting.

It was half-past 10 o'clock to-night when Mr. Balfour sprang to his feet, to reply to the taunts of the Opposition and appeals from his own party. The Premier was loudly cheered. He had scarcely begun to speak when Mr. Chaplin's amendment, before he was interrupted by a hurricane of applause at the entry of Mr. Chamberlain who had been absent throughout the evening. The House was now packed with peers, members of the House, and spectators, as it had not been since the days of Home Rule. In whimsical vein Mr. Balfour explained that the only reason that the Corn Tax was put on was because the Government wanted money, and the only reason it was taken off was because the Government was not money longer.

Reverting to the charges of incitement and against him, the Premier took a tone of unusual vehemence. He declared that he himself, though a believer in Free Trade (which statement met with loud applause), did not regard it as a fetish, and he had an absolutely open mind regarding the necessity for any alterations in a system which was founded to suit conditions of 50 years ago. He refused not only to make a statement of any "finality" upon such an important question, but also refused to compel his colleagues to conform to a standard of opinion upon which he himself had an open mind. He admitted that differences of opinion existed within the Cabinet, but these were not serious enough to cause the resignation of any member.

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The T.K.K. steamer *America Maru* (Bomby Line) left Nagasaki for Manila on Saturday at midnight, and is due there to-day, about 4 p.m.

The P.M. steamer *Koro*, with mails, &c., from San Francisco to the 19th ult., via Honolua, leaves Yokohama for this port this morning, via Inland Sea, &c.

The E. & A. steamer *Australasia*, from Sydney, to Manilla on the 6th inst. for this port

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Hongkong, 7th July, 1903. [1601]

EUROPEAN AND JAPANESE WRESTLING.

FIRST-CLASS WRESTLING bouts in European and Japanese styles take place at PRAYA CENTRAL (opposite Central Market), at 8 P.M. daily, and until further notice. Challenges accepted.

PRICES:—1st Class, \$2; 2nd, \$1; 3rd, 50 cents.

NARUMI.

Hongkong, 26th June, 1903. [1946]

THE TRADE MARKS ORDINANCE, 1898.

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF TRADE MARKS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PORT COSTA MILLING COMPANY of San Francisco, U.S.A., has on the 13th January, 1903, applied for the registration in Hongkong in the Registry of TRADE MARKS of the following: TRADE MARKS:—

(a) The distinctive device of a star surrounding four heads of wheat intertwined, with three stars below the above mark.

(b) The words "Standard Mills, Family Extra Flour, San Francisco, Cal. U.S.A.", printed or impressed in particular manner, the whole surrounded by a fancy border.

(c) The distinctive device of a gaudily dressed female against a fancy background, the whole surrounded by a fancy border, with the words "American Beauty" above.

(d) The distinctive device of a sheaf of wheat with the words "Eureka Mills" and a star and fancy work below, the whole surrounded by a fancy border.

in the name of the said PORT COSTA MILLING COMPANY which claims to be the sole proprietor thereof.

The said TRADE MARKS have been used, or are intended to be used, by the Applicant in respect of Flour in Class 2.

Facsimiles of the said TRADE MARKS can be seen at the Office of the Colonial Secretary of Hongkong.

Dated the 8th day of May, 1903.

DEACON & HASTINGS, Solicitors for the Applicants.

[1375]

SITUATION WANTED.

ENGLISH GENTLEMAN at present in Government Service seeks position of confidence as Secretary or Adviser to Minister or high Official. Has travelled much. Speaks several European languages. Highest possible references.

Apply in first instance to—

"UBLIQUE"

Care of W. Watson & Co., Bankers, Bombay, Hongkong, 1st July, 1903. [1844]

WANTED LESSONS.

A GENTLEMAN on the PEAK wishes to take FENCING LESSONS. Apply to—

P. L., Care of Daily Press Office, Hongkong, 6th July, 1903. [135]

WANTED.

HOUSE or THREE ROOMS, Furnished or Unfurnished. Apply—

OMRAH, Care of Daily Press Office, Hongkong, 8th July, 1903. [1936]

WANTED AT ONCE.

A N EUROPEAN LADY'S MAID, willing to travel. First-class References required.

Apply in writing in the first instance to—

A. Z., Care of Daily Press Office, Hongkong, 4th July, 1903. [1926]

WANTED.

A POSITION of TRUST by an Englishman with $\frac{1}{2}$ year's Eastern Experience of Commerce. First-class References required.

Apply to—

B. B., Care of Daily Press Office, Hongkong, 7th July, 1903. [1944]

WANTED TO LEASE.

A FURNISHED HOUSE, well located, with Three or Four Bedrooms. Will take for six or eight months from August 1st or 15th.

Reply to—

P. O. 171, Hongkong, 7th July, 1903. [1945]

CHEONG SHING.

GENERAL EXPORTERS.

Dealers in JEWELLERY, DIAMONDS, PEARLS, PRECIOUS STONES, SILKS, IVORY, WAXES, EMBROIDERIES AND CHINESE CURIOS.

Wholesale and Retail. Prices very moderate. No. 39, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL (Opposite Messrs. C. J. GAUFF & CO.).

Hongkong, 16th May, 1903.

E. A. HEWITT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 7th July, 1903. [14]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"PALAWAN."

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, PORT SALTZ, SUEZ AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 9 A.M. To-morrow, the 8th inst.

Goods not cleared by the 14th inst., at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Company's representatives at an appointed hour. All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWITT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 7th July, 1903. [14]

PROTECT YOUR OWN OLD AGE.

You by securing for yourself a guarantee income for LIFE.

DON'T Protection for your family if you die.

HAVE The Continuous Instalment Endowment accomplished both.

TO DIE

TO WIN

THE EQUITABLE.

(HENRY B. HYDE, Founder.)

F. KIENE, Manager.

1848]

PUBLIC COMPANIES

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the

FOURTEENTH ORDINARY

YEARLY MEETING of the SHARE

HOLDERS will be held at the COMPANY'S

OFFICES, No. 4, Queen's Buildings, on

SATURDAY, the 11th JULY, at 12.30 P.M.

for the purpose of presenting the Report of the

Directors, together with a Statement of

Accounts to 30th April, 1903, and electing

Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company

will be CLOSED from the 27th instant to

the 11th prox., both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd June, 1903. [1782]

Agents.

Hongkong, 25th June, 1903. [1623]

AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions

to Sell by Public Auction,

on WEDNESDAY,

the 15th JULY, 1903, commencing at 11 A.M.

at the Godowns No. 4 & 8, CROSS LANE,

Wanchai.

A LARGE AND ASSORTED

OF MACHINERY.

Including—

MARINE ENGINES, BOILERS,

LATGES, SLOTTING and DRILLING

MACHINES, &c.

(Further Particulars from Catalogue, now

ready).

On View from 6th July.

TERMS:—Cash on delivery.

GEO. F. LAMMERT,

Actioneer.

Hongkong, 18th May, 1903. [112]

BANKS

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1855

HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP.....\$280,000

RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHARE-

HOLDERS.....\$80,000

RESERVE FUND.....\$725,000

INTEREST allowed on Current Account at

the rate of $\frac{1}{2}\%$ per annum on the Daily balance.On Fixed Deposits for 12 months $\frac{1}{2}\%$ per cent.

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" " 3 " 2 " "

" T. P. COCHRANE,

Acting Manager.

Hongkong, 12th May, 1903. [21]

BANKS

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....\$1,000,000

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$2,324,374

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

CHAN KIT SHAN, Esq. J. S. HARSTON, Esq.

CHOW TUNG SHANG, Esq. J. LAUTS, Esq.

Chief Manager.

360 W. PLAYFAIR,

Interest for 12 Months Fixed.....5%.

Hongkong, 12th May, 1903. [21]

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3% per cent.

Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$1,000 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 per cent. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1902. [20]

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$10,000,000

RESERVE FUND.....\$10,000,000

STELLING RESERVE...\$10,000,000

SILVER RESERVE...5,500,000

RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROFTORS.\$10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

A. J. RAYMOND, Esq.—Chairman.

H. E. TOMKINS, Esq.—Deputy Chairman.

OCEAN STEAM SHIP CO., LTD
AND
CHINA MUTUAL STEAM
NAVIGATION CO., LTD.
JOINT SERVICES.

FORTNIGHTLY SAILINGS FOR LONDON.
MONTHLY SAILINGS FOR LIVERPOOL AND FOR CONTINENT.

OUTWARDS.

STEAMERS	TO SAIL	REMARKS
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	On 8th July.	
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	On 16th July.	
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	On 23rd July.	
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	On 29th July.	
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	On 30th July.	
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	On 6th August.	

HOMEWARDS.

STEAMERS	TO SAIL	REMARKS
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP	On 21st July.	
LIVERPOOL	On 22nd July.	
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP	On 4th August.	
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP	On 18th August.	
LIVERPOOL	On 20th August.	
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP	On 1st September.	
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP	MOYUNE	On 15th September.

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

STEAMERS	TO SAIL	REMARKS
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, AND ALL PACIFIC COAST POINTS, VIA NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	"MACHAON" On 10th July.	
The s.s. "KEEMUN" left Victoria (B.C.) on the 26th ult. for Kobe and Hongkong.	"NINGCHOW" On 10th August.	

For Freight, apply to—

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
AGENTS.

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Hongkong, 7th July, 1903.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO.
LIMITED.

STEAMERS	TO RAIL	REMARKS
TAIYUAN	On 9th July.	
HUNAN	On 10th June.	
KIUKIANG	On 11th July.	
SHANTUNG	On 15th July.	
SUNGKIANG	On 15th July.	
TAIYUAN	On 27th July.	

* The attention of Passengers is directed to the superior accommodation offered by these steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light. Unrivalled Table. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.

+ Taking Cargo on through bills of lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.

† Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for all New Zealand Ports and other Australian Ports.

REDUCED SALOON FARES, SINGLE AND RETURN, TO MANILA AND AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

For Freight or Passage, apply to—

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Hongkong, 8th July, 1903.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.'S
ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.

THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN, AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.
CALLING AT SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA AND VICTORIA, B.C.

SAFETY. SPEED. PUNCTUALITY.

"Empress" Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse-Power—Speed 19 knots.

SAVING THREE TO SEVEN DAYS ACROSS THE PACIFIC.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

1903

R.M.S. "EMPERESS OF JAPAN"	6,000 Tons	WEDNESDAY, 15th July.
R.M.S. "TARTAR"	4,425 Tons	WEDNESDAY, 22nd July.
R.M.S. "EMPERESS OF CHINA"	6,000 Tons	WEDNESDAY, 5th Aug.
R.M.S. "ATHENIAN"	3,820 Tons	WEDNESDAY, 12th Aug.
R.M.S. "EMPERESS OF INDIA"	6,000 Tons	WEDNESDAY, 26th Aug.
R.M.S. "EMPERESS OF JAPAN"	6,000 Tons	WEDNESDAY, 22d Sept.
R.M.S. "TARTAR"	4,425 Tons	WEDNESDAY, 7th Oct.
R.M.S. "EMPERESS OF CHINA"	6,000 Tons	WEDNESDAY, 21st Oct.
R.M.S. "ATHENIAN"	3,882 Tons	WEDNESDAY, 4th Nov.
R.M.S. "EMPERESS OF INDIA"	6,000 Tons	WEDNESDAY, 18th Nov.
R.M.S. "EMPERESS OF JAPAN"	6,000 Tons	WEDNESDAY, 16th Dec.
R.M.S. "TARTAR"	4,425 Tons	WEDNESDAY, 30th Dec.

THE magnificient TWIN-SCREW "EMPERESS" STEAMSHIPS of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA of JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA to VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS ("TARTAR" and "ATHENIAN" 14 DAYS), saving THREE DAYS to a WEEK in the Trans-Pacific journey and make connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL OVERLAND TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY, which leave daily and cross the Continent from THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE in 97 hours. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets to various points at reduced rates. Good for 4, 6, 9, and 12 months.

SPECIAL RATES (First class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Government.

The attractive features of this Company's route embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS, (seen to none in the World), the LUXURIOUS OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at Calcutta World Exhibition), and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Railway passes.

THE DINING CAES AND MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisines are unequalled.

For further information, Maps, Guides, Books, Rates of Passage and Freight, apply to D. E. BROWN, General Agent, Pedder Street.

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PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL ON	REMARKS
LONDON and ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, MANILA, COLOMBO, PORT SAID and MARSEILLES	MANILA	About 10th July	Freight and Passage.
YOKOHAMA, VIA SHANGHAI, HAL MOJI and KOBE (Passing through the Island Sea)	J. D. Andrews, B.N.E.	July	Freight only.
SINGAPORE, COLOMBO and PEKIN	Neon, 13th July	Freight only.	
BOMBAY	C. E. Longdon, B.N.E.	About 16th July	Freight or Passage.
SHANGHAI	A. L. Valentini	July	Passage.
LONDON, &c.	F. R. Summers	July	See Special Advertisements.

For further Particulars, apply to
L. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent

Hongkong, 8th July, 1903.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUS-
TRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT,
MEDITERRANEAN PORTS,
PLYMOUTH AND LONDON
THROUGH BILLS OF LADING ISSUED FOR
BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL,
AMERICAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.
THE Steamship

"BALAARAT,"
Captain P. R. Samuels, carrying His Majesty's
Mails, will be despatched from this for Bombay,
etc., on SATURDAY, the 18th JULY, at Noon,
taking passengers and cargo for the above
ports.

"MACHAON,"
Silks and Valuables, all cargo for France, and
Tea for London (and arrangement) will be
transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceed-
ing direct to Marseilles and London; other
cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via
Bombay with transhipment.

Parcels will be received at this Office until
4 p.m. the day before sailing. The contents and
value of all packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note
the terms and conditions of the Company's
bills of Lading.

For further particulars, apply to
E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 7th July, 1903.

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THE EAST ASIATIC COMPANY,
LIMITED.FOR MARSEILLES, COPENHAGEN
AND BALTIMORE PORTS.

THE Danish Steamer

"PRINS VALDEMAR."

Captain Koch, will be ready to load for the
above ports on or about WEDNESDAY, the
15th instant.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
MELCHIERS & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 2nd July, 1903.

(10.12)

THE STEAMSHIP SERVICE TO NEW
YORK VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL(WITH LIBERTY TO CALL AT PHILIPPINE
PORTS).PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG,
1903.

About

"MACDUFF,"
18th July.

"SAINT BEDE" ... 25th July.

OR ... To follow.

"MOGUL" ...

"SATSUMA" ...

For Freight and further information, apply to
LODWELL & CO., LD.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 2nd July, 1903.

(1125)

THE AMERICAN ASIA-PICTURE STEAM-
SHIP COMPANY.

THE Company's Steamship

"VERONA,"

will be despatched as above on or about the
25th instant.
For Freight and further information, apply to
STANDARD OIL COMPANY
OF NEW YORK,
Orbital Freight Department,

Agents.

Hongkong, 3rd July, 1903.

(1115)

THE STEAMSHIP SERVICE FOR NEW
YORK VIA THE SUEZ CANAL(WITH LIBERTY TO CALL AT PHILIPPINE
PORTS).PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG,
1903.

About

"MACDUFF,"
18th July.

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For Freight and further information, apply to
LODWELL & CO., LD.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 2nd July, 1903.

(1125)

THE AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVI-
GATION COMPANY.

THE Steamship

"KENEBECK,"

will be despatched as above on or about the
25th instant.
For Freight and further information, apply to
STANDARD OIL COMPANY
OF NEW YORK,
Orbital Freight Department,

Agents.

Hongkong, 3rd July, 1903

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

The *Yarra*, with the French Mail of the 12th ult., left Singapore on Tuesday, the 7th inst., at 4 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Tuesday, the 14th inst. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 9th May.
The *Korea*, with the American Mail of the 19th ult., will arrive Yokohama on Wednesday, the 8th inst., at daylight, and may be expected here on or about Thursday, the 16th inst.

MAILS WILL CLOSE.

VOR	PER	DATE
Haiphong	Hongkong	Wednesday, 8th, 9.00 A.M.
Canton	Honan	Wednesday, 8th, 9.30 A.M.
Kobe and Yokohama	Hainan	Wednesday, 8th, 10.00 A.M.
Yokohama	Washington	Wednesday, 8th, 11.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Tamsui	Port Moresby	Wednesday, 8th, 11.00 A.M.
Kobe Nagasaki and Mindanostock	Sacca	Wednesday, 8th, 11.15 P.M.
Macao	Keungshang	Wednesday, 8th, 3.00 P.M.
Swatow and Shanghai	Taipei	Wednesday, 8th, 5.00 P.M.
Nanking	Wingchau	Wednesday, 8th, 5.00 P.M.
Macao	Hankow	Thursday, 9th, 10.00 A.M.
Canton	Hailoung	Thursday, 9th, 10.00 A.M.

Europe, &c., India via Tuticorin
(Late Letters 11.10 to 11.30 A.M. Extra)
Postage 10 cents.

Kobe
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow
Iloilo and Cobu
Manila
Cobu and Iloilo
Manila
Manila

AMOY, SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU and SAN FRANCISCO
(Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail
Extra Postage 10 cents.)

TO-DAY.
Wrestling, opposite Central Market, 8 p.m.
TO-MORROW.
Sale, Miscellaneous Stores, "Messrs. Hughes & Hough, 11 a.m."

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

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On demand	Nominal
ON BATAVIA.—	1011
On demand	1011
On demand	1 p.c. p.m.
ON SAIGON.—	3 p.c. pm.
On demand	3 p.c. pm.
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On demand	621
Scutellions, Bank, Buying Rate	621
ED LEAF, 100 line, per tael	621.10
& SILVER, 100 line	243

OPUM.

4th July.
Quotations are—Allowance net to 1 catty,
Malwa New \$1020 to per picul
Malwa Old \$1110 to "
Malwa Older \$1110 to "
Malwa V. Old \$1130 to "
Persian fine quality \$800 to "
Persian extra fine \$1077 to per catty.
Patan New \$1077 to per catty.
Patan Old \$1086 to "
Braunes New \$1072 to "
Braunes Old \$1085 to "

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE AMERICAN MAILED.

The T.K.K. steamer *America Maru* left Nagasaki for Manila on Saturday at midnight, and is due there to-day, about 4 p.m.

The P.M. steamer *Kuro* leaves Yokohama for this port this morning, via Inland Sea, &c.

THE FRENCH MAIL.

The M.M. steamer *Yarra* left Singapore on the 7th inst., at 4 p.m., for this port via Saigon.

THE INDIAN MAIL.

The Indo-Chin steamer *Kumsang* left Cuts for this port, via the Straits, on the 28th ult., and may be expected here on the 14th inst.

ERCHANT STEAMERS.

The P. & A. steamer *Indraeville* arrived at Yokohama on the 25th ult., p.m.

The "Glen" Line steamer *Glenlyle* left Singapore on the 2nd inst., a.m., and is due here to-day, p.m.

The U.S.S. steamer *Macau* left Singapore on the 3rd inst., and is due here to-day, 1 p.m.

The T.K.K. steamer *Rosetta* left Manila on the 6th inst., p.m., and is expected here to-day, at 2 p.m.

The N.Y.K. steamer *Bingo Maru* (European Line) left Shanghai for this port on the 4th inst., at 11 p.m., and is expected here to-morrow.

The E. & A. steamer *Australasian*, from Sydney, &c., left Manila on the 6th inst., for this port, and is due here to-morrow, at daylight.

The N.Y.K. steamer *Kagoshima Maru* (American Line) left Kobe via Moji for this port on the 3rd inst., incl., p.m., and is expected here on the 10th inst.

The N.Y.K. steamer *Hiroshima Maru* (Bombay Line) left Kobe for this port on the 6th inst., p.m., and is expected here on the 12th inst.

The N.Y.K. steamer *Yurata Maru* (Australian Line) left Kobe via Moji and Nagasaki for this port on the 7th inst., p.m., and is expected here on the 14th inst.

The C.M. steamer *Kembla* left Victoria (B.C.) on the 26th ult. for Kobe and Hongkong.

The C.N. steamer *Taivau*, from Australian ports, left Sydney on the 27th ult., and is expected here on the 17th inst.

The C.N. steamer *Pleides* left Victoria for Kobe direct on the 22nd ult., and is expected to arrive at that port on the 16th inst.

The N.P. steamer *Victoria* left Victoria (B.C.) for Yokohama and the usual ports on the 27th ult., and may be expected at Yokohama on the 12th inst.

The C.N. steamer *Victoria* left Victoria (B.C.) for Yokohama and the usual ports on the 27th ult., and may be expected here on or about Thursday, the 16th inst.

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